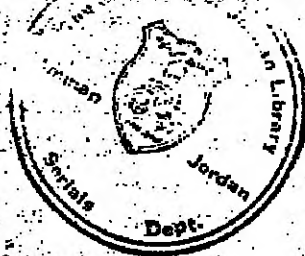


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## Ashdod bus attack leaves three dead and nine wounded

ASHDOD. — Three persons were killed and nine wounded yesterday morning when a boobytrapped handgrenade exploded on an Ashdod city bus. In a communique issued in Damascus later, the Faish Revolutionary Council of terrorist leader Abu Nidal claimed responsibility for the attack, stating that it was part of the escalating armed struggle in the occupied territories.

About 150 people, mostly Arabs, were arrested in connection with the attack, but as of last night most had been released after questioning. The explosion occurred shortly after 9 a.m. on the No. 9 bus, just after it had taken on some 15 passengers at the local seaside market. The bus, which runs between residential areas and the market, had just returned from a trip to the city's outlying moshavim.

The charge went off in the middle of the bus, wounding nearly all those aboard. Two persons were killed on the spot: Faruk Zameh, 52, and Gabriel Kikushvili, 47, both of Ashdod. The third fatality, 72-year-old Sima Tzinker, also of Ashdod, died of her wounds in hospital.

The wounded received immediate first aid treatment by doctors who were passing by the scene of the incident and at a nearby Magen David Adom station. Some were then taken to Barzilai Hospital

in Ashkelon, and others to Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot.

As of yesterday evening, four of the nine wounded had been released. The remainder are suffering from wounds described by hospital sources as slight to moderate.

Some 100 policemen and security forces arrived promptly on the scene and members of the police criminal identification unit and explosives experts collected the bits of shrapnel that were scattered about the area. All the stalls in the nearby market were evacuated and some of the stallkeepers arrested. After a thorough search for further bombs, shopping was allowed to resume. Meanwhile, roadblocks were set up on highways around Ashdod to hunt for suspects.

At the blast site, firemen hosed down the street which was littered with broken glass from the bus windows and small green apples which apparently had spilled from passengers' shopping bags.

Two hours later, when police investigators had completed their work, the bus was driven back to the local Egged garage.

The last serious terrorist attack to have been carried out in the area occurred two years ago when a handgrenade exploded in a bus near Ashdod, the item correspondent noted. No one was wounded in that incident. (Itim) (Picture — Page 2)



Detectives inspect arms and explosives found in Mei Neftoah (Lifta) near Jerusalem yesterday. (Rahamim Israeli)

## Shamir slams Egypt's 'peace freeze'

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Post Knesset Reporter

In a hard-hitting attack, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday accused Egypt of "retreating more and more" from the Camp David framework agreement.

Replying to a motion for the agenda by Haim Bar-Lev, on "What happened to the Israeli-Egyptian peace?" Shamir said he could not avoid the conclusion that, for the time being, Egypt has no intention of returning its ambassador to Tel Aviv.

Bar-Lev attributed the Egyptian freeze on normalization to the Lebanese war, with West Bank settlement a contributing factor. He said there was no basis for the argument that Egypt's desire to return to the Arab world was behind the freeze.

Shamir maintained that it was precisely Egypt's wish to return to the Arab world that was behind the freeze, and that all reasons advanced by Egypt to justify the freeze were mere pretexts.

As one bit of evidence, he quoted

the Cairo weekly, *Rose el-Yusuf* on February 6 as saying that Mubarak's freeze of normalization had been instrumental in winning Egypt re-admission to the Islamic Conference.

Shamir said that until Israel's evacuation of Sinai in April 1982, over 30 agreements had been signed between the two countries, dealing with communications, police, transport, civil aviation, culture and agriculture.

But the evacuation was the turn-

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## Police uncover huge arsenal near capital

By ROBERT ROSENBERG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police investigating the Temple Mount sabotage attempt, yesterday uncovered what they are describing as a "huge" weapons cache in the Lifta valley, at the entrance to Jerusalem. The three suspects so far arrested in the case lived in Mei Neftoah (Lifta) for the last few years.

One hundred and seven grenades, 80 loaded magazines — for Uzis and M-16s — two Claymore mines, eight fuses, six anti-tank bazooka shells, several dozen kilograms of high explosive, hundreds of meters of fuse wire and hundreds of detonators were found in an unspecified hiding place in the Lifta valley.

According to the police, the material was in excellent condition, and was still in its original IDF wrappers and cases.

Police were taken to Lifta early yesterday morning by two of the suspects, who pointed out the cave in which the cache was hidden.

Police believe that the material was either paid for with money from drug deals or stolen directly from the army.

Meanwhile, the arrests this week of members of two suspected Jewish terror cells has contributed to progress in the investigation of the bombing attacks on the West Bank mayors in June 1980, official sources said. But they emphasized that none of the individuals arrested this week seems to be directly involved in those terror attacks.

The investigation, however, is studying and seeking possible links between those arrested this week and other "elements" on the radical fringe. *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

In the meantime, the suspects in the Temple Mount case are also being questioned about the Baptist Church arson in Jerusalem in November 1982. The suspects in the automatic weapons attack on an Arab bus near Ramallah are being questioned about last summer's assault on the Islamic University in Hebron, where three people were

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## 'Sidon port closed until quiet assured'

METULLA. — The IDF will continue to keep Sidon port closed until quiet there can be assured, IDF sources said yesterday. Boats were prevented from leaving or entering the port yesterday for the fourth straight day.

Soldiers of the Haddad militia reinforced IDF troops at the area. Local notables met with IDF officers and asked that the port be reopened.

And at the Awali River bridge,

Christian refugees from villages to the north were arriving after having fled from Druse bombardments. They asked the IDF to intervene with the Druse, as it has done in the past.

A stallkeeper in the Nabatiya market was injured yesterday when a handgrenade thrown at an IDF vehicle missed its mark and exploded. No soldiers were hurt. The IDF closed the area and conducted searches. There were no arrests.

## Shamir backs Uri Porat for top broadcasting post

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday told Liberal MKs he will support the nomination of National Religious Party man Micha Yonon as Broadcasting Authority chairman, advertising agency owner

David Admon as deputy chairman and the former spokesman of the Prime Minister's Office, Uri Porat, as director-general.

Shamir revealed this yesterday in a meeting at the Knesset, saying that he would bring up the nominations before the cabinet on Sunday. The currently authority chairman Reuven Yaron, and director-general Yosef Lapid both complete their terms on April 1.

Yonon, who received the full backing of Education and Culture Minister Ze'evulun Hammer, is director of the Israel Bar Association and an NRP activist.

Benzion Dell, Hammer's man responsible for authority affairs, told *The Jerusalem Post* that Hammer hoped the chairmanship, until now largely a ceremonial post, would receive "more content" than in the past, and he claimed that according to the Broadcasting Law, the chairman was indeed entitled to more authority and influence.

Lapid, who ran the authority with a firm hand and frequently angered TV and radio journalists for his views on selection of news to broadcast, was backed by the heads of Israel TV and Israel Radio's

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## NEWS BACKGROUND/David Landau

### Premier's attack was no off-the-cuff outburst

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's accusation in the Knesset yesterday that Egypt "has no intention of returning its ambassador" to Israel, and that Cairo's explanations are merely "convenient excuses," was his sharpest and sternest statement ever on the "cold peace."

Government officials said it stemmed not only from Israeli frustration over the diplomatic freeze, but also from a growing anger here over what are seen as expressions of

flagrant anti-Semitism in Egyptian publications.

In addition, the officials said, the Israel government was increasingly concerned that Egypt was moving away from Camp David.

A letter to Shamir from President Hosni Mubarak this week apparently did little to allay the premier's anxiety on this score.

The depth of his anxiety, the officials said, was reflected in Shamir's sombre warning yesterday

that Egypt's behaviour "impairs the credibility of agreements and commitments which it has taken upon itself."

The forcefulness of Shamir's comments was all the more surprising, and noteworthy, because they came on the eve of an Israeli minister's visit to Egypt. Today, Minister of Industry and Trade Gideon Patt embarks on a three-day

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## Ministry wants arbitration

### Talks rejected in hospital strike

Jerusalem Post Staff  
and Itim

Health Ministry officials said yesterday they will not negotiate with striking government hospital workers and insisted that the matter go to arbitration.

In the country's government hospitals' serious disruptions were felt yesterday as the strike got under way. It is to continue today.

According to Dr. Moshe Mashiach, director of the ministry's hospital services, available care did not measure up to that extended on Shabbat and holidays. He said the lack of kitchen, laundry and cleaning staff was the most deeply felt. Nursing care, on the other hand, is said to be adequate, since their union has permitted a large number of nurses to work.

Nurses in several hospitals said that patients' friends and families are supplying food and some services. This, they said, is dangerous because the patients may not be getting the proper diet.

Ronnie Shalem, head of the worker's union, said that the ministry had been indiscriminate in handing out the 4,000 back-to-work orders issued on Tuesday, only a part of which have been delivered.

Shalem said that the ministry had issued orders to non-essential personnel such as bookkeepers and secretaries instead of to essential workers. "If this continues tomorrow we will ignore the orders," he said last night.

Shalem also said that although the ministry refuses to negotiate officially, there are some unofficial contacts being made in an attempt to end the strike.

At Haifa's Rambam Hospital only 30 per cent of the staff were on duty and the work's committee chairman, Meir Cohen, said that back-to-work orders had been served on those who were on duty on Tuesday and should have been off on Wednesday. There is a good chance they will refuse to honour the orders, he said.

Rothschild Hospital in Haifa operated as usual except for the emergency rooms which have been closed all week in protest over the Health Ministry's refusal to transfer a promised \$23 million for the completion of the hospital's west wing.

At other government hospitals such as Assaf Harofeh in Tzrifin, Hillel Yaffe in Hadera, the Nahariya government hospital and the Wolfson Hospital in Holon, emergency services were operating but out-patient clinics were closed.

At Poriya Hospital near Tiberias a senior nurse told *The Jerusalem Post* that patients' families are supplying food, but the hospital's linen supply is insufficient for more than two or three days without laundry services.

Other services of the Health Ministry affected by the strike are the mother and child clinics of Tipat Halav and all the offices of the Health Ministry, where only death certificates and rabies vaccinations are being provided.

## U.S. won't comment on Syrian power struggle

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The State Department yesterday said it was aware of a heightened state of security in and around Damascus in recent days.

Publicly, however, U.S. spokesmen declined to comment on reports of a power struggle within the regime of President Hafez Assad.

On Monday, *New York Times* columnist William Safire was first to report that "U.S. intelligence had detected signs of increasing tension between Assad's younger brother, Rifat, and others in the military."

Yesterday *The Times*, in a front-page, unbylined story, provided additional details of the reported struggle which it called "the first open split" among Syria's ruling elite since Assad assumed power in 1970.

"According to reports received by the U.S. and its allies, most of which have come from western military attaches in Damascus, the split reached a high point last week, when rivals hoping to succeed the Syrian president put on competing shows of military force in the capital, the newspaper said. "There were reports of shots being fired around the presidential palace."

It remained unclear which side

President Assad, himself, favoured. The report said that in recent days, "tensions have been defused somewhat."

Opposing Rifat Assad, according to *The Times* account, were Hikmat Shehadi, chief of staff of the armed forces, Shafiq Fayaz, head of the third division, and Ali Buba, head of military intelligence.

Rifat and his rivals were said to have been "flexing their muscles," apparently looking toward succession. (Related story — Page 2)

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Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem	70	9-14
Golan	50	8-19
Nahariya	47	6-13
Safed	47	6-13
Haifa Port	56	15-18
Tiberias	42	13-22
Nazareth	40	10-15
Alula	58	10-16
Shimon	54	15-19
Tel Aviv	55	12-19
B-G Airport	55	12-19
Jericho	41	16-24
Gaza	61	15-19
Beer-Sheva	45	12-20
Eilat	29	17-25

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Menachem Begin was called on by U.S. Secretary of Labor Raymond Donovan on Tuesday.

Deputy Knesset Speaker Meir Cohen-Avidov was called on yesterday by H.E. Rafael Angel Rojas, minister for cooperative development from Costa Rica.

The Japanese Ambassador to Israel, Shozo Kadota, visited the Truman Institute at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem yesterday. He met with university vice-rectors Amnon Pazy, Truman Institute head Prof. Zvi Shiffrin, Prof. Ben-Ami Shilony, Prof. Avraham Altiman and other researchers at the institute who deal with East Asia.

A goodwill mission of the German Youth Hostels Association, headed by its president, Prof. Pogge, of Aachen University, is visiting the country as guests of the Israeli Youth Hostels Association.

On the last day of his five-day visit to Israel, Dr. Donald Ross of the College of Boca Raton University in Florida visited Bar-Ilan University yesterday and met with the vice-president Matityahu Adler.

The Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club will hold a business meeting at the Tel Aviv Hilton at 1:15 today.

## PREMIER'S

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trip in response to an official invitation.

It is understood that Shamir's remarks yesterday were the product of careful consultations — and not a mere off-the-cuff outpouring of discontent.

Haim Bar-Lev M.K., who proposed the motion on Israel-Egypt relations, also expressed the carefully considered opinion of his Labour Party's leadership.

The invitation from state minister for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali to Abba Eban M.K. to lecture in Cairo next month, following on Arye (Lova) Eliav's recent visit to Egypt and meetings with top policy makers there, has persuaded Labour that Egypt is not freezing its ties with Israel as such — but with the Likud government.

But government officials are not overly impressed by the invitation to Eban. They say that some — minimal — traffic of senior public figures, including government figures, does take place, in both directions. "That does not mean the 'cold peace' is warming up," one official said.

The traffic in recent months has included:

August 1983 — Ezer Weizmann, on a private visit, meets with top Egyptian leaders.

August 1983 — Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i visits Egypt as a guest of the minister of petroleum.

November 1983 — David Kimche, director-general of the Foreign Ministry, holds political talks in Cairo, and pays a condolence call on Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali who is in mourning.

December 1983 — Egypt's deputy minister of agriculture is an official guest in Israel.

December 1983 — Kimche's opposite number, Shafi Abdul Hamid, comes to Jerusalem for talks.

January 1984 — Professor Pehorilis of the Israel Agriculture Ministry visits Egypt.

In addition, senior Israeli government lawyers attended a conference of jurists in Cairo in September; Israeli geologists, a conference in October; 20 Israeli parapsychologists, a conference in Aswar in November; and Israeli midwives, a conference in December.

## HOME NEWS

### Panel approves improved savings conditions

By AVI TEMKIN  
Post Economic Reporter

Improved conditions for existing and new savings schemes were approved yesterday by the Knesset Finance Committee.

The improvements were first proposed by the Treasury as a means of encouraging savers in maturing schemes to renew them, and to attract the sums that the public will get from the redemption of government bonds and repayment of debts.

The committee approved a Treasury request to introduce new schemes which will yield profits after two years, with a maximum saving period of eight years.

The new schemes will offer rates of return increasing each year reaching 7 per cent, tax free, at the end of eight years. Sums deposited will be fully linked to the last published index. In current schemes, the sums received by savers are pegged to the index published the previous month.

The new schemes will be exempted from taxes from the start. Depositors withdrawing money during the first year of saving will get interest equal to 75 per cent of the interest rate charged by banks on overdrafts. Withdrawals during the second year will get 85 per cent of this interest rate.

To encourage existing savers to renew their maturing schemes, it was decided that special inflation compensation be granted to those joining the new schemes with the money obtained from maturing schemes.

The compensation will be paid at the redemption of the new scheme and will increase with the period of saving. Those saving for two years will get compensation equal to the rate of inflation in the month the scheme matures, minus 5 per cent. Those saving in new schemes for eight years will get compensation equal to the full rate of inflation.

Thus, a person in a scheme maturing next month will be able to join the new schemes with the sums he receives and get the compensation. If next month's inflation is 15 per cent, the compensation will come to 10 per cent at the end of two years and will go up progressively to 15 per cent at the end of eight years. This will compensate savers for the loss incurred in redeeming savings according to an index one month out of date.

During yesterday's Knesset Finance Committee meeting there was criticism of the way the Treasury has handled the issue of the 1971 defence loan. Starting next April, the public

will be paid back that loan, but pegged to last December's index.

MK Adiel Amori, the Alignment whip at the committee, said that the saver and the receiver of the defence loan repayment are the same person. "If we want to prevent a monetary flood, we need to build up the public's trust," Amori proposed that persons saving these loan repayments for four more years get full inflation compensation.

Reacting to this, Treasury officials indicated yesterday that the ministry has no intention of changing the original conditions of the loan, pegging repayments to the December 1983 index.

The Post Knesset correspondent adds: On the same subject, Yitzhak Berman (Liberal) tabled a parliamentary question to Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Ornan. Berman asked him whether he was aware that citizens were liable to lose half the value of their compulsory loan as a result of the galloping inflation, which had not existed when the terms of the 1971 Defence Loan were legislated.

Berman asked whether the Treasury was considering any compensation for such a heavy loss to the public and whether it had examined the implications on tax-payers' morale if the terms of the loan repayment were not adjusted.

## IN THE KNESSET/Aryeh Rubinstein

### House vetoes call for inquiry into Lebanon war

By a vote of 42:33, the Knesset yesterday defeated a motion for the agenda by Yair Tsaaban (Alignment-Mapam) calling for the establishment of a committee of inquiry into the war in Lebanon.

Liberals Yitzhak Berman and Dror Zeigerman voted with the opposition. A number of Alignment members deliberately stayed out of the chamber during the vote.

Tsaaban said that the books just published on the war, one by journalist Ze'ev Schiff and Ehud Ya'ari and the second by journalist Shimon Shiffer, proved that the war had been "conceived in deceit and born in duplicity."

To Menachem Begin, still absent from the Knesset, Tsaaban said: "We are not oblivious to your mourning and suffering, but you, who bore the main responsibility for the war, must get up and answer the serious charges and the hard questions."

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim

said there was no justification for an inquiry committee. That institution was designed for exceptional cases, and not to replace the executive or legislative branches.

He said the government bears full responsibility for launching the war and for every stage of its conduct, but it was for the Knesset, and ultimately the public, to decide if it should be turned out of office.

Cooling-off period for president

The president of the state would have to wait four years after the termination of his office before running for the Knesset, under a private member's bill that passed its preliminary reading yesterday. The bill will not be retroactive, i.e., it will not apply to Yitzhak Navon.

Michael Rieser (Likud-Herut), who presented the bill, said it is important that the president remain above the political battle and that the presidency express all that unifies the nation.

Nissim said he would not express his personal view or that of the government, but thought that the bill certainly deserved consideration. The coalition would permit its members a free vote, he said, and he suggested that the opposition parties do the same.

By a vote of 16-10, the bill was referred to the Law Committee.

## Tora institutions

The planning and budgeting committee for yeshivot and higher institutions of Tora study has not yet been established. Deputy Minister Dov Shilansky said yesterday in reply to a parliamentary question by Amnon Rubinstein (Shinui).

Shilansky said that the prime minister intends to accelerate the discussion of the subject. But he refused to promise Rubinstein that the more than \$1 billion now being demanded by Agudat Yisrael under the coalition agreement would not

be paid until the supervisory committee is established.

## Hanan Porat's farewell

The resignation of Hanan Porat (Tehiya) from the Knesset took effect yesterday, 48 hours after it was submitted to the Speaker. Porat was given the floor at the end of yesterday's session and, in an emotional farewell, said that Zionism was now undergoing a serious crisis to the point that people were "losing their taste for it."

Tehiya was a movement with political integrity, he said, and he expressed regret at having caused his colleagues distress. But he had concluded that the national religious public was not ripe for such a movement incorporating religious and non-religious voters.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim praised Porat's action in resigning his Knesset seat. In so doing, he had taught everyone a lesson in political norms, Nissim said.

## SHAMIR-EGYPT

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ing point, Shamir said. Since then, Egypt has been directing its energies towards returning to the bosom of the Arab world.

"Egypt continues to protest its adherence to what it denotes strategic peace with Israel, but simultaneously it has begun to limit and restrict its activity in advancing its network of relations with us," Shamir said.

He said it had been convenient for Egypt to pin the blame on Operation Peace for Galilee, but that had only been an excuse. Otherwise, why had Egypt failed to return its ambassador after the signing of the Israel-Lebanon agreement last May?

When Egyptian representatives are asked when their ambassador will come back, they sometimes link it to Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon, sometimes to the Taba dispute, and sometimes to the Palestinian question, Shamir said.

Particularly disturbing, he said, was the anti-Israel and anti-Semitic propaganda in the "institutionalized" Egyptian press. These articles not only constituted a violation of the peace agreement, but they could lead to hatred and a return to the atmosphere of the Fifties and Sixties, when Israel was treated as an enemy, Shamir said.

This tone has lately become more strident, and it has been linked, *inter alia*, to the strategic understanding between the U.S. and Israel, Shamir said.

He noted that Egyptian leaders can and do invite Israeli journalists to interview them, and that their views are fully published in Israel.

## Nazareth group to fight ban on anti-Arab rally

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Leaders of Mena, an organization whose aim is preventing Arabs from settling in Upper Nazareth, intend petitioning the High Court of Justice today against a police ban on a demonstration they want to hold in the Galilee town's central square on Land Day — March 30.

They will also seek an order against the interior minister and the northern district police chief, allowing the demonstrators to use loudspeakers at their rally.

Speaking at a press conference, Mena leaders Ze'ev Hartman and Alexander Finkelstein intimated that whatever the court rules, they would go ahead with their plans, which include a march to Nazareth and the burning of a PLO flag there. They said that while the organization would act within the law, "individuals" would nonetheless go ahead with the plan.

## Rabin: PLO 'child's play' compared with Shites

TEL AVIV (Itim). — MK Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday that only after the Peace for Galilee Operation did Israel become a target for Shite-Khomenist terror, adding that PLO terror was "child's play" compared with that of the Shites.

Rabin was giving the keynote lecture at a discussion day held in memory of Yigal Allon on the theme "National Security and Israeli Foreign Policy." The seminar was held in Beit Hamoreh here under the sponsorship of the Open University and the Israeli Political Science Association.

But the Egyptian communications media are closed to Israeli personalities. This asymmetry typifies the relations between the two states ever since the signing of the peace treaty.

Among other indications of Egypt's "retreat from Camp David," Shamir noted Mubarak's meeting with Yasser Arafat, and joint official statements of Mubarak and heads of other states calling for a PLO-led Palestinian state.

Shamir said that Israel has acted and would continue to act to halt that process and to return Egypt to the autonomy talks. But letters to this effect that he had sent to the Egyptian prime minister and foreign minister, and later to Mubarak, had so far borne no fruit.

Egypt's behaviour, Shamir said, has thrown into bold relief the fundamental question: Are the Arab states ripe for peace, and are their leaders capable of leading their peoples towards peace with Israel?

Israel must persist in its efforts to revive the dialogue with Egypt, the prime minister said. But in view of the shifting sands about us, our consistent striving for peace with our neighbours must go hand in hand with a supreme effort to ensure our security.

Shamir opened his remarks with a reference to Bar-Lev's comment that he had not voted for the Camp David accords when these were put before the Knesset.

He had indeed had apprehensions about a number of the provisions in the accords, he explained, but since he was appointed to the cabinet he had done everything possible to ensure that Israel will get a full return for what it has given up.



Discarded bags lie in the No. 9 Egged bus after yesterday's grenade explosion in Ashdod.

## All Lebanese leaders to attend unity talks

BEIRUT (Reuters). — All Lebanese factional leaders invited to reconciliation talks in Switzerland next week have agreed to attend, government and opposition sources said yesterday.

Opposition sources said the four main opposition leaders had decided to take part in the conference starting in Lausanne on Monday, and the two major Christian factional leaders publicly said yes.

The word that all parties would attend the talks, to map out a new political blueprint for Lebanon and end nine years of civil war, came amid continued sporadic fighting between the rival factions in many parts of Beirut and the surrounding mountains.

Lebanese-born Saudi mediator Rafik al-Hariri flew in during the day to try to organize a genuine cease-fire.

He was expected to summon a meeting of a four-party security committee set up last year to arrange and supervise a cease-fire on all battlefronts. The committee has not met for several weeks.

The opposition leaders who have agreed to attend the talks are Druse chief Walid Jumblatt, Christian president Suleiman Franjeh and Sunni Moslem ex-premier Rashid Karamah who head the Syrian-backed "National Salvation Front," and their Shi'ite Moslem ally Nabih Berri.

Christian leaders Pierre Jemayel, head of the right-wing Phalangist Party, and ex-president Camille Chamoun, leader of the National Liberal Party, said they had agreed on a united stand at the conference.

Chamoun, who earlier said he would refuse to attend after the government's abrogation on Monday of its troops withdrawal agreement with Israel, said the Christian leaders had prepared a list of 30 topics for discussion.

The other two leaders who will attend are considered moderates. They are Saeb Salam, a Sunni and former prime minister, and former parliamentary speaker Adel Oseiran, a Shi'ite.

Diplomatic sources said that the resignation of the Syrian cabinet announced in Damascus on Tuesday night added a note of uncertainty to the talks, which Syria and Saudi Arabia are to attend as observers.

The presence or absence in Lausanne of Abdel-Halim Khaddam, Syrian foreign minister with special responsibility for Lebanon, could be crucial, the diplomatic sources said.

Khaddam has the experience and authority to hold the Lebanese opposition leaders in check and the possibility that he might be named as successor over the weekend conference might develop, the sources added.

## Syrian Army 'ready to deal with any threat'

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — Syrian defence minister Mustafa Tlas gave a firm assurance yesterday that the armed forces could handle any threat against the state, reflecting official concern here at the possibility of an Israeli attack.

He said the army was ready "to confront any plots and threats" and added in a statement: "Our armed forces have achieved a lot in the strategic balance with the enemy by depending on ourselves and our friends, including the Soviet Union."

His statement, published by al-Baath, organ of the ruling Baath Socialist Party, came amid official concern here that Israel might launch an attack in retaliation for Monday's abrogation of the Lebanon-Israeli troop withdrawal agreement.

Meanwhile, a new Syrian cabinet is expected to be formed within the next few days and diplomatic sources here said they expected no change in government policy on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

major foreign and domestic issues.

The 37-member cabinet resigned on Tuesday and President Hafez Assad asked Prime Minister Abdul-Rauf al-Kasm to form a new government, which al-Kasm described as a "routine procedure" after four years in office.

Speculation that a shake-up of the cabinet was imminent mounted during the president's two-month illness last year, and the sources said it appeared Assad now wanted to share his burden with a vice-president.

Syrian officials, however, said the post of vice-president would only be a titular one, noting Mahmoud Ayoubi, who held the position in 1979, took no active part in policymaking.

The diplomatic sources noted Syria's cabinet does not instigate policy, normally following outlines mapped out by the regional command of the Baath Socialist Party. Syria's highest decision-making body.

## Police deny permit for Petah Tikva protest

PETAH TIKVA (Itim). — Ultra-Orthodox leaders were yesterday denied permission to hold a demonstration in the municipal square here Friday night by Central District Police Commander Nitzav Gabi Amir.

A police spokesman said that permission to demonstrate in the square Friday night had already been given to a Mapam group and that the public peace could not be assured if the two groups were there at the same time.

The spokesman said the police had given the ultra-Orthodox groups permission to gather outside the town hall Saturday morning as well as allowing Bnei Akiva groups to demonstrate Saturday night and Sunday night.

## 17 ultra-Orthodox men held after violent row

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BNEI BRAK. — Seventeen ultra-Orthodox young men were arrested here yesterday afternoon on suspicion of illegal assembly and disturbing the peace outside the home of Rabbi Eliezer Shach.

The men who were arrested are among the followers of Rabbi Avraham Hafuta, who was recently

declared unfit for educational duties due to obscene acts with members of both sexes by the Haredi Rabbinical Court in Jerusalem.

The ultra-Orthodox men tried to force their way into Shach's home and began a violent scuffle with Shach's followers until the police arrived and separated them.

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The funeral will take place today, Thursday, March 8, 1984, at 3:00 p.m. at the new cemetery, Shikun Yafikim, Netanya.

A bus for those attending will leave at 2:30 p.m. from the home of the deceased, 23 Rehov Smilanski, Netanya.

The Bereaved Family



## C-o-S: 2,000 terrorists have returned to Beirut

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Post Knesset Correspondent

Chief of Staff Rav Aluf Moshe Levy said yesterday that about 2,000 terrorists, including some from the pro-Arafat wing of the PLO, had returned to Beirut. Their return was made possible by the absence of a central government in the country, he told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

Levy said that Israel had "firm understandings which had stood the test" with the Lebanese Druse, regarding Israel's "security needs in the area north of the Awali River."

In southern Lebanon, "hardly any civilian traffic moves nowadays along the coastal highway," he revealed. Vehicles use inland routes to get from north to south and vice versa, he said.

He said that military considerations totally ruled out the possibility of an early withdrawal from Lebanon. It was moreover an illusion to think that the security problems on the northern border would be solved if the IDF left Lebanon. The army would have to maintain a military presence in Lebanon, he said.

The public, which had expectations of a rapid withdrawal solving the problems, must realize that miracles could not happen.

He said that steps were being taken to improve the quality of the southern Lebanon militia forces. These had improved considerably in performance, as shown in the security tasks they had been assigned.

## Two Kinneret water pumps to restart work tomorrow

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — Two of the three water pumps at the Sapor pumping station on the shores of the Kinneret will start operating again tomorrow, Mekorot spokesman Mordechai Yacobovitch said yesterday.

This station has been out of action since a fire on February 22.

During a press tour of the station yesterday, Yacobovitch said 60 Mekorot workers have been working round the clock since the fire to get the pumps working again.

There were fears that the fire,

which damaged one of the station's pumps, damaged the others too. But the Swiss manufacturers and Mekorot's engineers have found that these two pumps are still operational.

Yacobovitch said the damaged pump will be out of action for several months.

Mekorot manager Ze'ev Ashkenazi told *The Jerusalem Post* that because of the damage, Mekorot will only be able to supply about 1 million cubic metres of water per day from the Kinneret during the peak summer months, instead of 1.3 cu.m.

## Aridor may agree to return as Herut secretariat chief

By SARAH HONIG  
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Herut secretariat meets tonight amid growing speculation that former finance minister Yoram Aridor may soon announce his willingness to step back into his old job of secretariat chairman.

He quit the post in a huff, when he stepped down from the Finance Ministry. Since then, the different factions in Herut have been trying to convince him to reconsider his resignation to prevent a battle for the influential position between the various factions.

Aridor's resignation never officially went into effect because it had not been ratified by the party executive. But the vacuum at the top has severely increased internal tensions in the party, especially between the supporters of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and those of his deputy, David Levy.

Shamir has met with Aridor over the question recently and sought to convince him to return to the job. Levy has also spoken to him in recent days. Aridor has been hinting for several weeks that his decision on the matter will be made soon.

## Gurel vows to oppose hospital funding cuts

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Mayor Arye Gurel has pledged to fight the Health Ministry's decision to stop all funds for the completion of the new west wing of the Rothschild Hospital.

Speaking on Tuesday night at the town council meeting, which was attended by physicians from the hospital, the mayor said that the city would not tolerate the ministry's intention to finance construction at 11 other hospitals, but at none in Haifa.

Moreover, Gurel added, compensation payments for violation of the

contracts already signed might exceed the \$1.5 million budget the ministry was to allocate this year to help complete the project. Some \$24 million has already been invested in the project over the past 11 years.

Meanwhile, the president of the American Society of the Friends of the Rothschild Hospital, Leon Angel, has announced that he is flying to Israel today for an emergency meeting to discuss the serious situation resulting from the ministry's decision. The society has made generous contributions towards the project.

## Patt to go to Cairo to attend trade fair

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt will spend the weekend in Egypt, visiting the Cairo International Trade Fair which opens on Saturday.

This is the fourth straight year that Israeli exhibitors are participating in the event. Their displays are housed in a 2,000-square-

metre pavilion organized by the Israel Export Institute. About 20 Israeli companies are represented in the pavilion, showing products as irrigation systems, agricultural machinery, poultry breeding equipment, plumbing supplies, glass, textiles and shoes.

Patt will attend the fair at the invitation of the Egyptian government.

## MKs in perennial bid to alter electoral system

Post Knesset Correspondent

Ten MKs from four factions yesterday reopened their perennial campaign for electoral reform.

They set up a committee chaired by Gad Ya'acobi (Alignment-Labour) to have the present system of proportional representation on a single nationwide list replaced by a fixed system whereby most MKs

would be elected by constituencies and the minority by proportional representation.

Ya'acobi told a delegation of the Committee of Concerned Citizens movement that the public's present alienation from the democratic process could only be offset if the public were given a bigger role to play.

## Petrol bombs, stones thrown in territories

Petrol bombs and rocks were thrown in several incidents in Judea on Tuesday night.

There were no injuries, and no damage done, when a petrol bomb was thrown at an Israeli vehicle near Ramallah.

Another petrol bomb was thrown at the home of a mukhtar in Kalandiya village, north of Jerusalem. Police, who noted that the bomb contained bullets meant to be set off by the explosion, said that the hostile elements might consider the mukhtar a collaborator with the Israeli authorities.

One passenger was slightly hurt when an Egged bus was stoned near Azariya east of Jerusalem. (Itim)

## Technological study centres planned

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Several centres equipped with the latest technological devices and instruments will be created this year by the Education and Culture Ministry to serve pupils of both Orthodox and general schools who are studying technology.

Meir Avigad, head of the ministry's technological services, said yesterday that the rapid growth of technology in Israel and the large number of pupils opting for technical education make it almost impossible for the schools to provide the latest types of electronic and other technical instruments.

## Correction 'Calling All Parents' Notice

In the "Calling All Parents" notice in yesterday's newspaper, the Post Office Box number at the bottom should have read: "P.O.B. 5395 Jerusalem" and not as printed in the advertisement.



The summer-like weather has been attracting early season bathers to the country's Mediterranean coast. Here a sun-worshiper tests the waters off Tel Aviv. (Joe Gelman, IPPA)

## Woman's condition critical after anesthetic incident

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Health Ministry yesterday appointed a committee to investigate an incident at Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Tzrifin on Tuesday in which a woman being resuscitated after a caesarean section delivery was apparently given anesthetic gas instead of oxygen.

The condition of the 23-year-old woman worsened and she was transferred from the recovery room to the intensive care unit where she is still in critical condition, according to Dr. Moshe Mashlach, director of the ministry's hospital services.

Prof. Baruch Modan, Health Ministry director-general, said yesterday all pertinent information has been turned over to the police who are investigating whether there was negligence involved.

It is believed that the committee will be headed by a senior anesthesiologist who is not a member of the Health Ministry staff.

The infant, a boy, is said to be doing well in the hospital's nursery.

## Noted librarian Shlomo Shunami buried

Shlomo Shunami, one of Israel's most distinguished librarians and bibliographers, was buried on Tuesday in Jerusalem's Har Hamenuhot cemetery. He died earlier the same day at age 87. Shunami, who was also an author and educator, made tireless efforts to salvage Jewish cultural property, mainly books looted by the Nazis in Europe.

Shunami was born in Hungary and arrived here following his graduation from the 'Ecole de Bibliothécaires' in Paris. Shunami was on the staff of the Jewish National and University Library for 40 years, from 1921 until 1961.

In 1946 the National Library sent Shunami to Europe to arrange for the transfer to Jerusalem of Israel's share of the so-called Alfred Rosenberg collection. Rosenberg, the notorious Nazi propagandist, endeavored to set up a giant library of Jewish books for propaganda purposes.

Shunami, succeeded in bringing a total of 400,000 books here from Germany, Czechoslovakia, Austria

and Poland. Of these some 100,000 were retained by the National Library while others were distributed among various scientific and religious institutions.

In 1947 Shunami, who was also in charge of relations between the National Library and Christian institutions, was a liaison between the Hebrew University and the Syrian Metropolitan in Jerusalem for the purchase of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Shunami taught bibliography at the Graduate Library School of the Hebrew University since 1956. He was chief bibliographer of the Encyclopedia Judaica since 1962, and a counsellor for the Institute of Hebrew Bibliography in Jerusalem since 1964. In 1971, he helped to organize the Yeshiva University Library in New York.

Shunami was the author of *Bibliography of Jewish Bibliographies*, editor of *Yad Lakoreh* (Readers' Aid) and the *Israel Librarians Association Journal*. (A.Z.)

## West Bank courts corrupt, says mayor

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Post Knesset Correspondent

Beit Jala Mayor Farah el-Araj yesterday charged that the local West Bank courts are corrupt.

Attending the Knesset State Control Committee along with other invitees from the West Bank, at one of a series of sessions on administration and the implementation of the law in the administered territories, el-Araj said a police force with wider powers could reduce crime and reduce the need for recourse to the courts.

West Bank lawyer Raja Shehadeh accused the military government of

hampering the legal process in the civil courts by seizing files and transferring cases in a completely arbitrary manner.

Muhammad Nasser, former head of the village leagues in the Hebron area, accused Israeli officials of lying in the High Court of Justice and thus misleading the bench into handing down "warped judgements."

Israeli military and civil officials will reply to the comments and charges of the West Bank Arab figures at the next session of the committee.

## Smashing victory for ruling Egged list

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The ruling Lamifae list of the Egged bus cooperative all but wiped out the opposition Ya'ad list in internal elections on Tuesday.

Lamifae (which has no connection with the NRP faction of the same name) won all 108 seats to the cooperative's ruling body (Asifat Murshim) and six out of the seven seats on the cooperative's control committee.

Next Tuesday cooperative members vote for the 27-member management of the cooperative, selected from the 108 members of

the Asifat Murshim. They will also choose 71 members to form the internal court of the cooperative.

Management will later choose seven of its members to form a secretariat.

The results of Tuesday's elections are seen as a personal vote of confidence for Shlomo Amar, the head of Lamifae, who has been chairman of the secretariat for the last three years.

The next internal elections will be held in four years time instead of two years as has been the custom, according to a Transport Ministry demand.

## URI PORAT

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Hebrew and Arabic sections in his bid for a second term.

Porat, a veteran journalist with Likud views at *Yediot Aharonot*, joined the office of Menachem Begin as media adviser on May 1, 1981, and continued to serve for a short time under Shamir. He is currently on leave from government service.

When asked by *The Jerusalem Post* to comment, Porat expressed surprise over the nomination and declined to say anything until the nomination is finalized by the cabinet on Sunday.

Admon's position as deputy chairman, which has been held until now by Yinon, is largely ceremonial, and those who fill it receive only expenses.

Lapid was on a tour of Lebanon

yesterday, and was not available for comment about Shamir's announcement.

Asher Wallfish adds: On Tuesday, when the Liberal wing of the Likud discussed the imminent changes in the Broadcasting Authority, almost all the MKs spoke very critically about Lapid and said he must be replaced.

Industry Minister Gideon Patt accused Lapid of complaining to U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis that the government wanted to get rid of him because they found him "not good enough for them any more."

Minister-without-Portfolio Sara Doron expressed a very negative view of the level of Israel TV under Lapid's baton, citing its campaign against her for allegedly wasting public funds on her ministerial bureau.

## Uzan will propose wage and price freeze

By CHARLES HOFFMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Labour and Social Affairs Minister Aharon Uzan plans to propose a year-long wage and price freeze, including a freeze on the devaluation of the shekel, as an alternative to fighting inflation by increasing unemployment.

Uzan revealed this proposal yesterday in Jerusalem at a joint press conference with U.S. Secretary of Labour Raymond Donovan, where the question was raised whether Israel should adopt the Reagan administration strategy of using unemployment as a tool to reduce inflation. Donovan noted

that this strategy worked well for the U.S. during the last three years, but declined to prescribe a similar policy for Israel.

Uzan firmly rejected this strategy for Israel, saying that inflation was preferable to unemployment, and that the latter could be dealt with by other means such as the proposed freeze.

Donovan said that the proposed free trade zone between the two countries should be implemented — "the sooner the better" — but noted that American organized labour was opposed. He agreed that the plan would create some short-term problems for the American worker, but in the long run it would

benefit both countries.

Both ministers agreed that the three-day conference on labour issues held during Donovan's visit had led to a successful exchange of experiences, ideas and information, and that joint program seminars should be continued.

Donovan said that the American delegation was particularly interested in Israel's experience in four areas: vocational training and retraining for workers in industries hit by technological obsolescence; job training for unemployed youth, particularly among disadvantaged groups; occupational safety and health; and economic development in urban renewal.

## Druse mark victories of Lebanese brethren

By YOEL DAR  
TIBERIAS. — Israel's Druse community yesterday celebrated the military successes of their co-religionists in Lebanon and the liberation of their holy sites east of Beirut.

Life in the country's Druse villages came to a near standstill yesterday, as many businesses remained closed. Labourers did not turn up for work and many pupils did not attend classes.

The main celebration took place at the tomb of the greatest Druse prophet Shueb, located at Hittin,

near Lake Kinneret. Thousands of dignitaries, clergymen and young people flocked to the holy site to pray and thank God for their victory. A large delegation from Hattaba in South Lebanon crossed the border into Galilee to attend the event.

Hundreds of Golan Druse turned the celebration into a demonstration against Israel. Carrying five-coloured Druse national flags, they chanted anti-Israel slogans and displayed placards supporting Walid Jumblatt's Progressive Socialist Party and its PLO allies.

Several speakers reacted to the anti-Israel demonstration by walking out.

Sheikh Amin Tarif, the Israeli Druse spiritual leader who organized the celebration, called on his Lebanese brethren to stay united, to foster understanding and peace with their neighbours, and to use their weapons only for self-defence. Sheikh Abu Fandi, the spiritual leader of the Druse in South Lebanon, said this his community is seeking autonomy in running its daily affairs and religious and communal life.

## French industry minister to visit

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The French minister of industry and research, Laurent Fabius, will visit here from March 10 to 13 as the guest of Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt. During his stay, Fabius will confer with Prime Minister Shamir and Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman.

Jerusalem is placing great importance on the visit in the hope that it will strengthen economic and commercial relations between the two countries.

France is now Israel's fifth largest supplier of goods, with \$403m. worth delivered here last year compared with \$365m. in 1982.

As for Israeli exports to France, they increased from \$258m. in 1982 to \$279m. last year, making France the third largest single market for Israeli products in Europe and the fourth largest in the world.

## Two youths badly hurt while making fireworks

PARDESS HANNA (Itim). — Two 16-year-old youths, students at a boarding school here, were severely injured yesterday while preparing firecrackers for Purim.

Teachers and hundreds of other students were startled to hear a loud explosion. Police were summoned and found Moshe Kenan and Zachi Ankori lying in pools of blood. It was assumed that chemicals taken from the school's laboratory had exploded while the firecrackers were being made.

Both youths were taken to hospital.

## Burg: Areas police force, jail facilities to be beefed up

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The 1984-85 police budget calls for increasing the number of West Bank police investigators from 35 to 69, and setting up a special unit to deal exclusively with fraudulent land deals. Interior Minister Yosef Burg said yesterday.

In a briefing to reporters, Burg said that the police are continuing their efforts to transfer deskbound officers to operations and task forces. He also said that major efforts will be made to improve the

communications network of the police. In the West Bank, he said, two more companies of Border Policemen will join the existing five, in order to beef up riot patrol operations in the areas.

Turning to the Prison Service, Burg said that a new 980-bed prison is to be opened in the West Bank. New wings have been added to the prisons in Gaza, Beersheba and Jenin. The Ashkelon prison will become a regional holding facility, for prisoners in custody.

## Court asked to stop bank shares plan

Hebrew University mathematician Shmuel Kaniel has again turned to the High Court of Justice to stop the government from implementing its plan to guarantee the dollar value of bank shares held four or more years.

Three months ago, Kaniel sought an injunction forbidding the finance minister from approving savings schemes based on bank shares. Kaniel claimed that the cost would have to come from public funds.

He agreed to a court suggestion that a committee of experts weigh his proposal to annul the bank share plan, but when the committee rejected the proposal Kaniel decided to ask again for an injunction.

In his application to the court yesterday for an order nisi calling on the government to show cause why it should not cancel the arrangement, Kaniel said the experts had not studied his proposal seriously. (Itim)

## Tel Aviv drug squad makes LSD haul

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Hundreds of LSD tablets were seized by the city's drug squad before dawn yesterday. A team of drug squad detectives, led by Inspector Amir Gur, made the haul after following a man known to them to a Mapu Street apartment building.

The man was talking with a younger man in the entrance to the

building, and police saw the young man drop a tablet of what was later found to be LSD.

Police then found 120 LSD tablets in the young man's apartment.

While they were searching the apartment another man arrived and said that the LSD was his. This man took police to another Tel Aviv apartment, where 285 LSD tablets were found.

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## Soviet bloc wants mutual cuts tied to GNP U.S. dubious on defence spending cuts

By JEFFREY ANTEVIL  
WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The Reagan administration is taking a cautious public stand on the Warsaw Pact's proposal for mutual cuts in defence spending, but privately officials see little chance it will lead to an East-West agreement.

Administration officials said it was premature to comment on the proposal, made public by the Soviet news agency Tass on Tuesday, because Washington had not yet had time to study the official text. But it seems clear from private conversations with officials, that the U.S. views the idea with considerable scepticism and believes it was intended to reinforce a Soviet peace image at a time when Moscow is refusing to resume negotiations on nuclear weapons reductions.

The plan calls for token military spending cuts by all NATO and Warsaw Pact nations, a three-year freeze at the new lower levels, and negotiations for large-scale cuts later. It also proposes simultaneous

spending reductions by the four nuclear powers in the two alliances — the Soviet Union, the U.S., Britain and France — calculated as a proportion of their gross national products.

Administration officials said a similar proposal was made at a Warsaw Pact summit last year and was included by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in his speech to the East-West disarmament conference in Stockholm in January.

The major U.S. objection to mutual defence spending cuts is the extreme difficulty of verifying whether East European governments, with their highly secret budget processes, are complying with any agreement.

The Soviet Union, for example, has publicly listed its annual military budget at around \$25 billion in recent years. But U.S. and NATO analysts say the true figure is up to 10 times that.

Moscow says defence spending accounts for around 2.7 per cent of its GNP, but most western analysts put the figure at 14 to 16 per cent.

U.S. intelligence agencies and academic experts, moreover, have differed sharply among themselves as to the proper way to compute arms spending in a centrally planned economy where goods and services do not have clear dollar equivalents.

The Soviet Union, for example, fields about twice as many men and women in uniform as the U.S., but it pays them much less than the U.S. all-volunteer army.

Thus a budget comparison based solely on Soviet pay scales would greatly underestimate the true size of its armed forces.

There are also problems over whether to use official Soviet exchange rates for the ruble, which peg it much higher than its real value compared with the U.S. dollar.

As a result of these differences the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) said last year Kremlin military spending was growing at an annual rate of 2 per cent, while the Pentagon's Defence Intelligence Agency said the rate was around 7

per cent. CIA analysts said that unlike their Pentagon counterparts their growth figure took account of inflation in the Soviet Union, but several outside experts said this could not be calculated with precision in a centrally directed economy.

If the U.S. intelligence community is unable to agree on how much Moscow spends on defence, administration officials believe it would be all but impossible to reach agreement with the Soviet Union on this issue and then verify compliance.

Since U.S. GNP is roughly double the Soviet Union's, they believe the proposal could require Washington to cut its spending twice as deeply as Moscow even though, by western calculations, the Soviet Union spends much more on arms.

Officials believe these problems could even dwarf those in the East-West negotiations on reducing conventional forces in Europe, which have been bogged down for more than 10 years in a dispute over how many troops each side has.

## Moscow accuses U.S. of violating international law in Gulf

MOSCOW. — The Soviet Union yesterday accused the U.S. of "grossly violating" international law by moving ships and planes to the Persian Gulf and said it does not recognize the "restrictions" on air and sea traffic "arbitrarily established" by American forces in the area.

The official Tass news agency dismissed U.S. statements that American ships and planes had been sent to the Gulf only to protect shipping and try to ensure safe passage for civilian ships and aircraft despite the fighting raging in the Iran-Iraq war in the area.

Meanwhile in Washington, U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz

said the U.S. is confident that with other industrialized nations it can limit serious economic damage if the Gulf war closes the Strait of Hormuz.

Testifying before a House of Representatives appropriations subcommittee, he said while "there is obviously a real possibility" the combatants could close the strait, "it's very unlikely any interruption could be sustained over a long period of time."

Iranian guns damaged port facilities at Iraq's oil terminal of Faw, closed since the 41-month-old Gulf war began, the Iranian national news agency said yesterday.

Iran said earlier it repulsed an Iraqi bid to retake oil-rich Majnoon Island.

Tension remained high in the region because of Iraq's repeated threats to strike at Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal and Iran's warning it would hit back by closing the Strait of Hormuz.

The U.S. has pledged to keep the strait — conduit for one-sixth of the western world's oil supplies — open to shipping, and has some 30 warships in the area.

Kharg lies in an area at the head of the Gulf which Iraq has declared a prohibited war zone. It has reported sinking dozens of ships

heading for Iranian ports in the area.

The toll of non-Iranian merchantmen caught in the cross-fire grew yesterday when a British firm said one of its vessels had been damaged by Iraqi raids in the Gulf last week.

No-one was killed aboard the 19,210-ton bulk carrier Charming, but a Turkish firm said on Tuesday two crewmen had been killed when one of its ships was bombed by Iraqi warplanes on March 1.

An Indian ship was also hit on the same day, in attacks Iraq said sank seven "enemy naval targets." (AP, Reuters)

## Hart looks south after third primary victory

By PATRICIA WILSON  
WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Sen. Gary Hart yesterday prepared for new contests in key southern states after his third consecutive win over Walter Mondale in the Democratic presidential nomination race.

Hart won the Vermont state primary on Tuesday night by a margin of more than three-to-one over Mondale, giving him a big boost for a critical round of balloting next week.

Nine states will hold primary and caucus votes on March 13 with the big southern states of Florida, Georgia and Alabama being the main battleground.

The Tuesday poll is for more than a quarter of the 1,967 delegates

needed to win nomination at the Democratic Party convention in July.

Mondale, startled by Hart's first win in New Hampshire a week ago and by his decisive victory in Maine on Sunday, sought to play down his third setback at the hands of a contender who two weeks ago was considered a rank outsider.

"We were not really contesting Vermont, no delegates were being selected," said the former vice-president, considered the front-runner when the campaign began.

But his key adviser Richard Moe said: "We took a licking and we are not making any excuses."

The Vermont poll measured the popularity of each candidate and

did not select delegates for the party's convention.

President Ronald Reagan ran unopposed on the Republican side.

Hart swept Vermont, gaining 42,130 votes to Mondale's 11,846 with 91 per cent of the ballots counted.

Black civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, with 4,786 votes, was 2 per cent short of the 10 per cent target for him to be eligible for federal campaign funds.

The other remaining Democratic candidates, former senator George McGovern and Ohio Sen. John Glenn, made little or no effort in Vermont.

The victory gave Hart a clean sweep of the northern New England

contests and he is almost certain to win Saturday's primary in Wyoming, a western state adjacent to his home state of Colorado.

Mondale passed up last-minute campaigning in Vermont and headed for Florida and Georgia in an attempt to hold off Hart in the South where, according to a campaign aide, the former vice-president intended "to fight like hell."

Hart, 47, is considered an unknown quantity in the South where Mondale, Glenn and Jackson have campaigned long and hard. "It's going to be tough down here," Hart said in a television interview from Florida.

## U.S. performs balancing act between Greece and Turkey

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. is again teetering on a diplomatic tightrope between two valued friends — Greece and Turkey — over the future of Cyprus.

Congress, impatient with a lack of diplomatic progress, is threatening to cut U.S. military aid to Turkey, while President Ronald Reagan's administration is pleading for more time to try to resolve problems caused by the declaration of an independent Turkish Cypriot state nearly four months ago.

Greece and Turkey are valued members of the NATO alliance, and in trying to help reach a settlement

on Cyprus, the administration is trying not to irritate either government.

This time, the administration is banking on UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to gain access for Greek Cypriots to part of the city of Famagusta, held by Turkish troops since they invaded the island in July 1974.

Perez de Cuellar is trying to arrange a meeting with Rauf Denkash, the Turkish Cypriot leader, probably for next week, to make arrangements for Famagusta, where 25,000 to 40,000 Greek Cypriots fled before the Turkish invaders.

## Dutch government ponders legalization of prostitution

THE HAGUE (Reuters). — The Netherlands, already one of the most liberal countries in Europe, is considering legalizing prostitution, a Justice Ministry spokesman said Tuesday.

Dutch Justice Minister Frederik Korthals Altes wants to quash a law under which anyone practising prostitution as a trade is liable to a one-year prison sentence or 2,000 guilders (\$96,830) fine.

Prostitution goes on openly in parts of most Dutch cities and the law has not been applied properly for many years, although police do take occasional action against prostitutes.

The "red light" district of Amsterdam has long been a tourist attraction.

Under new legislation envisaged by the minister, women would be free to conduct prostitution, but a law forbidding pimps or others to force a woman into prostitution against her will would remain in force, the ministry spokesman said. Laws forbidding sex with juveniles would also not be changed.

However before any new legislation can be drawn up the minister believes a 1971 UN treaty banning the exploitation of women will have to be studied.

## Swedish troops shoot swan, mistaking it for a frogman

STOCKHOLM (Reuters). — Sweden's four-week intensive search for a suspected foreign submarine off a top secret naval base has produced no more tangible results than thousands of dead herring and one dead swan, a defence official said yesterday.

The swan's death was reported after troops, apparently mistaking it for a frogman, opened fire with sub-machine guns and dropped explosive charges in the shallow waters of the Karlskrona Archipelago for the fourth night running.

The military has sealed off the archipelago where a Soviet submarine ran aground in 1981 and believe they probably have a mini-submarine cornered near the island of Almo, but will not speculate on its nationality.

A defence spokesman said a military patrol on one of the islands near the naval base had shot at some birds by mistake, adding that the troops were obviously tired, cold and under strain after a month of fruitless hunting.

But despite the lack of success the military remained adamant that in two earlier incidents when they reported foreign frogmen trying to land on Almo, no mistakes were made. The swan was shot on another island.

## China finds possible first-dynasty city

PEKING (Reuters). — Archaeologists believe they have found the capital of China's earliest dynasty, the Shang, dating back 3,600 years, the China Daily said on Tuesday.

They said the discovery, in Henan province near Peking, was the most important archaeological find in recent years.

If verified, it would be the Chinese equivalent of the discovery of Troy, or Mohenjo-daro in India, or the great Mayan temple-cities in Central America.

The city, which would have been

the capital of King Tang, is set out on a classic Chinese north-south axis with a palace at the centre and a straight street running to the south gate.

It covers 1,200 metres by 1,700 metres, although most of the southern side has been swept away by the changing course of the River Luo.

There are several theories about the Shang, whose dynasty is the first reliably recorded in Chinese history. One says they were Indo-European invaders from the west.

## Drop in China birth rate may not last

PEKING (Reuters). — China pushed down the birth rate of its billion people last year, but a new baby boom looms ahead, the State Family Planning Commission said yesterday.

The national birth rate fell from 21.09 per thousand in 1982 to 20 per thousand or below last year, the New China News Agency quoted the commission as saying.

The population growth rate in 1983 was estimated at 13 per thousand, against 14.49 in 1982, officials said.

But about 10 million more women a year will reach child-bearing age in the near future, threatening a new baby boom, and much work is needed if China is to hold its numbers to the target of 1.2 billion by the year 2,000, they added.

China's leaders are convinced that unless population growth is strictly controlled, the country will never achieve prosperity. They offer material incentives to families which have one child, and penalize those with more than two.



## Martin Niemöller dead at 92

WIESBADEN, West Germany (Reuters). — Pastor Martin Niemöller, a Protestant church leader who defied Hitler and crusaded against the U.S. involvement in Vietnam, has died here at the age of 92, the Evangelical (Lutheran) church said yesterday.

The pastor, who died on Tuesday, had been in frail health for a long time, a church spokesman said.

The World War I commander of a German submarine, his later pacifist views earned him the hatred of Hitler's Nazis and, more recently, opprobrium in the western world as a

"fellow-traveller" of the Communists.

After his release from a Nazi concentration camp at the end of World War II, he preached collective German guilt for the war. When the Vietnam conflict broke out, he travelled the world denouncing U.S. involvement there.

Martin Friedrich Gustav Emil Niemöller, who always denied western charges of being a Communist, was born to a Westphalian farming family in Lippstadt on January 14, 1892.

## Swiss police arrest man in Air France hijack try

GENEVA (Reuters). — Disguised Swiss police yesterday arrested a hijacker aboard an Air France Boeing-737 and released all passengers and crew unharm.

The man, described by passengers as around 30 and Middle Eastern in appearance, hijacked the airliner on an early morning flight from Frankfurt to Paris and demanded to be flown to Tripoli in Libya.

The plane, carrying 62 passengers and six crew, landed in Geneva, where Swiss officials negotiated with the man by radio from the control tower via pilot Claude Naget.

Seven passengers, six women and

an ailing man, were released during the morning, while the hijacker demanded that the airliner be refuelled and take off for Tripoli.

He was overpowered just after lunchtime by Swiss police taking refreshments on board, a Swiss government spokeswoman said.

Shortly afterwards the remaining passengers and crew left the aircraft. Airport officials said the hijacker was armed with a knife.

Swiss officials said later the hijacker had an Algerian passport. He was identified as Ali Chohra, 28, a resident of Darmstadt, West Germany.

## Soviets asked to compensate Korean jet victims' families

SEOUL (Reuters). — South Korea said yesterday after the Soviet Union was condemned by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) for shooting down a Korean airliner that Moscow should compensate relatives of the 269 passengers who died.

The ICAO council, meeting in Montreal on Tuesday night, passed a resolution condemning Moscow for the attack on the Boeing 747 over the Soviet Far East island of Sakhalin last September.

"Now that it has been proved to the world that the Soviet Union is a violator of international laws and the

Chicago Convention, it should drop its allegation that the Korean Airlines plane was on a spying mission, accept responsibility and make proper compensations without delay," a Foreign Ministry statement said.

The ICAO voted in favour of a staff report which found no evidence to support the Soviet contention that the plane was on a spy mission for the U.S. when it strayed into Soviet airspace.

The report also found that the Soviet Union did not try hard enough to identify the plane as a civilian airliner before destroying it.

## Soviet deputy minister given the sack

MOSCOW (AP). — A Soviet industrial minister has been fired, threatened with criminal prosecution and ousted from the Communist Party, the official news agency Tass said yesterday.

The Tass report suggested that the deputy minister, Viktor Vishnyakov, may have been accepting bribes or been involved in other unlawful activity as it made reference to "accomplices."

Vishnyakov, one of six deputies in the Ministry for Tractor and Agricultural Machine Building, had been appointed in July 1981.

Tass said the Communist Party

Control Committee ordered his expulsion from the party because he "abused his office with selfish aims."

"The USSR Procurator's (chief prosecutor) Office has instituted criminal proceedings against Vishnyakov and his accomplices," it said.

Soviet leader Konstantin Chernenko has pledged to continue the crackdown started by the late Yuri Andropov against corruption and other misconduct.

The Tass report gave no details on the allegations against Vishnyakov.

## Dutch won't try to prosecute Barbie

THE HAGUE (AP). — The Dutch government has decided against any attempt to prosecute Klaus Barbie for his activities as a Nazi SS officer in Holland during World War II.

In a letter to parliament on Tuesday, Justice Minister Frits Altes said that a year-long investigation by a special war crimes prosecutor "leads to the conclusion that there are insufficient grounds for Barbie to be prosecuted in Holland."

Barbie, now 70, is currently being held in France for a war crimes trial in the deaths of French resistance workers and Jews during his wartime tenure as Gestapo chief of Lyons, where he was known as the "Butcher of Lyons."

ANDREOTTI. — Italy's Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti arrived in Cairo Tuesday on a three-day visit for talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and other officials.

## Warm Manila welcome for protest marchers

MANILA (AP). — Confetti rained from buildings and thousands of people poured into the streets as long lines of anti-government marchers moved toward the heart of Manila from two different directions yesterday.

The protesters, urging a boycott of the May national assembly election and an end to the rule of President Ferdinand Marcos, were on the last leg of a seven-day march from outlying provinces.

## Sports

### Hungarians in TA Marathon

By JACK LEON  
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Hungarian Athletic Federation has entered three of their leading long-distance runners in Hapoel's fourth annual Tel Aviv Marathon on March 11 and in exchange has invited Hapoel to send a team to the inaugural Budapest Marathon next month.

Hapoel is planning to accept the invitation, its athletic director David Saidi told *The Post* last night. It will be the first time Hapoel has sent any sportsmen to Hungary since the Six Day War. A mass entry of 10,000 men and women expected for the marathon through the streets of Budapest, with "mini-marathon" being held concurrently with the main race.

The Hungarians coming here for the Tel Aviv Marathon are Attila Barcs and Agnes Szabo. The two men have 11 clocked best times of 2:15.15 and 2:16.00 respectively.

### UN blasts SA sports apartheid

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). — The UN said yesterday that, despite "heavily-financed and deceptive propaganda efforts," South Africa has failed to persuade world opinion it had eliminated racial discrimination in sports.

"Despite intensive lobbying in South Africa and its friends, no international sports body which has excluded or suspended South Africa from membership has reversed its decision," the UN Centre Against Apartheid said.

Its comments were made in the introduction to its latest sports "blacklist," containing the names of sports figures reported to have contacts with South Africa during the second half of 1983.

The centre said: "In their desperation, a number of sportsmen and women have come to rely solely on the use of large sums of money to secure some participation in international sports competition."

"With a handsome budget made up of contributions from business enterprises in the public and private sectors, they have persisted with the virtual bribery of sportsmen and women to undermine anti-apartheid sports."

The report concluded: "Apartheid, however conceived, is a system of racial discrimination and in South Africa it is a system of racial discrimination. However, the national opposition to apartheid sports have failed to give."

### Aussies defy Windie speed

GEORGETOWN (Reuters). — Ian Border stayed a fighting wicket for Australia in the first cricket Test against the West Indies.

The sixth wicket pair came together after pacemen Joel Garner and Wayne Daniel had reduced tourists to 60 for five in their second innings. They added 52 before Border was run out for 54.

Border went on to make 76 and fast bowler Ian Bishop took 3-67. Ian Bishop ended with 3-67 and Daniel 3-87. West Indies were 20 without loss, with 100 runs to go, Australia 279 and 263 for West Indies 230 and 30 for none.

### Match without meaning

Maccabi Tel Aviv's basketball team meet Barcelona tonight at Yot Eliyahu in their final game of the European Cup.

As Barcelona are sure to get into the final, and Maccabi has no possibility whatsoever of doing so, the game has no bearing on the fate of the cup. Zvi Sharaf may use it as a blood younger players for the crucial final games ahead, and rest his stars.

### SPORTOTO

By PAUL KOHN  
TEL AVIV. — Despite the economic crunch, the popularity of the Sportoto lottery has increased considerably since "playing the Toto." This is the only conclusion that one can arrive at after the 152nd draw, was paid in cash across the counter for the right to fill in Sportoto football pools.

Two punters got all 13 results right, and benefiting to the tune of IS\$300, each. Correctly choosing 12 correct results won IS\$140, 11 correct results won IS\$40, and 10 correct results won IS\$10. Sportsmen received a substantial pay-out of IS\$500, after the week's games.

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Yehon Yehuda v Beersheba	X	1X
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Yafa Haifa v Lod	1	1
Yar Sava v Hap J'm	1	1
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Applications are invited for the Hadwig Goldschmidt Memorial Fellowship in Historical Studies to be awarded for the academic year 1983/84 in an amount of \$5,000.

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## Mandelbaum reports on IMF delegation visit Concern over basic economic health

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The recommendations made by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) last year with a view to getting the Israeli economy on a more even keel are now being carried out, Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum, Governor of the Bank of Israel, said yesterday. He was addressing members of the Israel-U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The speaker also noted that the IMF delegation, which is again visiting Israel, would hand in an interim report to the bank before it left. The final report would be formulated abroad.

Mandelbaum said he had the definite feeling that the delegation was much less interested in last October's bank share crisis than he was commonly believed. But it was deeply interested in seeing how its former recommendations were being implemented.

The former recommendations included reducing the adverse balance of payment; reducing wages in real terms, implementing a restrictive monetary policy; cutting local consumption which would increase exports; the "shekelization" (returning to use shekels instead of opening foreign currency accounts, etc.) which would slow down the flight into foreign currencies, and cutting the national budget deficit.

All these factors were interlinked, and each had an influence on the other, Mandelbaum said. Since the end of last year steps had been taken to reduce the adverse balance of payments by an estimated \$1 billion in 1984.

This was being done by devaluing the shekel in line with its real value, which helped exporters. Local consumption had been reduced (which also made exporters think more about exporting) by eroding wages in real terms. Moreover, the amount of funds in the hands of the public had been cut by 30 per cent due to the collapse of the bank shares and the stock market last year. This had also cut local consumption. The strengthening of the European currencies, which was an added bonus, also had helped exporters.

But taming inflation was still a major problem, Mandelbaum said. The best way to do this was to institute a "package deal," or a "social contract," or "something else with a different name but the same meaning" between the government, the Manufacturers Association and the Histadrut.

"It is surprising that the Histadrut, which is fighting against creeping unemployment, is against such a package deal, for it still is the best way to keep the rate of unemployment down," he said.

"Shekelization" was succeeding, the governor said. The high yields on short-term deposits (like *pakam* accounts) had helped to "restore faith in the shekel." The banks had increased their holdings due to their various short-term deposit schemes by some \$130b. lately, while foreign currency accounts had risen by only about \$100 million in February. "Renewed faith in the shekel also helps explain the rush to buy shares on the stock exchange."

Mandelbaum also wants to introduce daily interest payments on checking accounts. The interest rates would increase the longer a person kept his money in his account. This would reduce the rapid turnover of money in circulation.

But to initiate daily interest payments on checking accounts required that the Finance Ministry do two things: exempt the interest from income tax, and reduce the liquidity the banks are required to maintain for checking accounts. Reducing the liquidity would allow the banks to pay "reasonable interest rates."

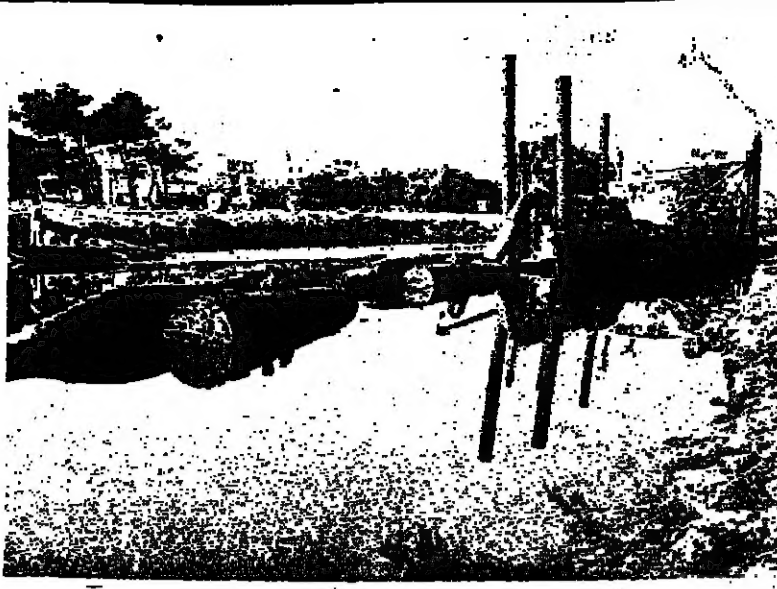
He hoped the Finance Ministry would reach a solution to both problems soon.

As for a restrictive monetary policy, the Bank of Israel favoured high interest rates on credits used to expand the local economy; lower rates on those of industrialists working for exports.

Mandelbaum also said that better collection of taxes could reduce the deficit in the national budget. "I am against increasing taxes; but we should do a better job collecting what is due."

The present law on taxes on inflationary profits was so complicated, so hard to implement, that the tax-payers actually paid much less than they should.

"I favour introducing a simplified income tax law which everyone can understand. Tax collections will rise as a result. At present, all we have proved by the existing law is that we are a people which prefers a complicated system to a simple one."



This weird-looking piece of machinery so perfectly reflected in the calm waters of the Yarkon is an underwater excavator. Part of its work is digging a channel to accommodate high-tension electricity cables.

## Mutual funds rise in value, but public is slow to buy

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The 108 mutual funds increased their "real" value by 17 per cent in February, to a total of \$118.4 billion, according to the Meitav financial consultants. The value of the mutual funds rose by 28.7 per cent in nominal figures, but Meitav assumes that the cost-of-living index rose by ten per cent in February.

Meitav states however, that — contrary to reports in the media — the growth of the mutual funds stems from the fact that their holdings increased in value, rather than from new purchases of units by the public.

While the value of the funds grew

from \$92b. at the end of January to \$118.4b. at the end of February, only \$1.5b. of this increase was due to the purchase of participation units.

As for the distribution of the value of the funds between the various financial institutions running them, there were only minor changes.

Bank Leumi, which handles 21 funds, now holds 44.6 per cent of the value of all funds; Hapoalim, with 15 funds, holds 21.2 per cent; Discount, with 17 funds, holds 19.3 per cent; Mizrahi, with 11 funds, holds five per cent; First International, with seven funds, holds 3.8 per cent. All other financial institutions, with a total of 37 funds, only hold 6.1 per cent of the total sum.

## Tour plan brings elderly Germans here

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Elderly Germans will be brought to Israel to meet Jews their own age who suffered at the hands of the Germans during World War II, representatives of Lebensabendbewegung, a German association of retired persons, told a press conference on Tuesday.

"They don't talk about what happened during Hitler's time, but it's inside them and they are relieved when we give them the opportunity to let it out," Eberhard Danz, association president, told reporters.

## \$7 million PVC export

TEL AVIV. — The Palram Plastics Works in Kibbutz Ramat Yohanan last year produced flat and corrugated rigid PVC sheets for industry, construction and agriculture valued at \$9 million. Of this sum some \$7m. went for export.

## Every third tourist is a pilgrim

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Every third tourist to Israel is a pilgrim, Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir said Tuesday, when announcing that the 1984 Pilgrimage Congress will open in Jerusalem March 13.

About 180 tour operators specializing in pilgrimages and religious tours from abroad will participate. They are to meet with their Israeli counterparts in an effort to increase the number of pilgrims coming to Israel.

Some 315,000 pilgrims visited Israel in 1983, coming from Africa, Japan, South Korea, the U.S. and Europe; the ministry said.

Convention delegates who will stay in Israel one week as guests of the ministry, will include religion journalists covering the event.

## Raffles mark Consumer Month

TEL AVIV. — Being a knowledgeable consumer can pay off — and not just in terms of wise purchases.

People shopping this month at a Co-op supermarket or at a Hamashbir department store, can answer a consumer quiz and enter a raffle. The quiz was prepared by the Histadrut's Consumer Protection Authority in conjunction with its current Consumer Month. Customers must score 10 correct answers out of 15 multiple-choice questions to qualify for the raffle.

Sample questions: "Within how much time must a gas company deliver a balloon of household gas? Where do you take a food product containing a foreign body? What is the meaning of the dating code on food tins?"

## 'Agricultural know-how must be restricted'

TEL AVIV. — Israel's agricultural know-how and technology are among the most advanced in the world, and it must not allow them to be exported to countries that are its potential competitors, the director-general of the Export Institute, Rami Gott, told foreign agricultural reporters this week.

Gott said Israel should export such locally developed technology only to developed countries that do not compete with Israeli produce. Last year such technological exports amounted to \$700 million, \$200m. more than agricultural produce sold abroad.

## Assets of Jordan's largest bank up 17.4%

AMMAN (Reuters). — Jordan's largest bank, the Arab Bank, registered a 17.4 per cent rise in assets in 1983, to 2.85 billion Jordanian dinars (7.79b.), the bank's annual report said this week. Deposits increased 18.2 per cent, to 2.71b. dinars (\$7.41b.).

Net profit, after provision for internal reserves, was 22.2 million dinars (\$60.7m.), compared with 20.8m. dinars (\$56.8m.) in 1982.

The bank's board proposed a dividend of 3.5 dinars (\$9.56) a share, or 35 per cent of face value.

## Computer price war

TEL AVIV. — A price war in the personal computer field has broken out here more than a year after similar price slashing started in the U.S. and Europe.

This week Veda Computers and Software, which represents the American computer company Apple in Israel, announced it was lowering prices of the Apple III and Apple II personal computers by 15 per cent.

IBM Israel followed suit and announced a reduction of 24 per cent on one of its models and a nine per cent reduction on another.

ADEN. — The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization will hold its Near-East regional conference at Aden, South Yemen, from March 11 to 15.

## \$13.4 billion Socal-Gulf merger still faces hurdles

NEW YORK (Reuters). — The acquisition of Gulf Oil by Standard Oil of California (Socal), the largest corporate merger proposal in history, must still overcome a number of regulatory and congressional hurdles before it gets into the records books.

Socal announced late on Tuesday that it had agreed to pay \$80 for each of Gulf's approximately 165 million common shares, a \$13.4 billion deal that will create the third-largest energy company in the U.S., behind Exxon and Mobil.

The boards of directors of both companies have already approved the transaction, but it must also be approved by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), which will study the proposed linkup for any overlaps in the oil market.

Legal specialists on Wall Street say the merger should gain approval after the new Socal-Gulf Company agrees to divest itself of retailing businesses in several states and at least one major southern refinery.

A lesser problem, but of concern to those watching the Gulf deal, is the reaction in Congress to a second major oil industry consolidation this year.

Texaco's \$10b. purchase of Getty Oil in January won FTC approval after an agreement on "some divestitures and created only a mild negative reaction among politicians."

But takeover specialists feel the Socal-Gulf deal will increase pressure on the Reagan Administration, regulatory authorities and Congress to tighten the rules surrounding big corporate buy-outs.

## Houses that can 'grow'

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A group of 68 private houses, all of which can "grow" in size along with the family, are now going up in the Yeger quarter of Kiryat Malachi near Ashdod.

The builders — Ashdar of Tel Aviv — have set the following prices for the "basic" houses: \$43,000 for the one-storey, three-room house; \$47,000 for the one-storey, four-room house; and \$65,000 for the two-storey, six-room cottage. The prices include VAT and land development.

The three-room unit, offering 57 square metres of floor space, can be enlarged to the four-room 64 sq.m. size by addition of only two retaining walls. This is made possible by the design of the "basic" three-

room house, which includes an L-shaped courtyard shelter with foundation piles already sunk by the builder.

The second storey of the house can accommodate up to another four rooms, with total floor-space for the house of 136 sq.m.

Designed by architect Michael Azmanov, the Ashdar houses are claimed to be "bureaucracy proofed" for future expansion since the purchaser of a "basic" house receives a set of approved plans for the expansion.

According to Azmanov, installing a staircase and moving some piping when adding the second storey "is a very simple job," and the expansion need not be done by Ashdar, but can be done by any other contractor as well.

## Foreigners finance U.S. budget deficit

NEW YORK (Reuters). — Around 30 per cent of the U.S. budget deficit has been financed by foreign savings over the last two years, Federal Reserve Bank of New York senior vice president Roger Kubarych said yesterday.

He told Wall Street analysts that foreigners now directly held about 13 per cent of the U.S. government debt.

He said the U.S. was living off foreigners' savings to the greatest extent this century, and that unless the U.S. budget deficit was reduced, the country would become a net debtor country, like Brazil or Mexico.

Kubarych said the U.S. government was unable to inflate its way out of the deficit and would have to find other means to reduce the shortfall.

Failure to reduce the deficit would put pressure on domestic financial markets and also the foreign exchange market, he said.

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## Loading up trucks on empty return runs

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Trucks that would otherwise be returning empty from deliveries will be utilized to transport material at reduced prices under a system organized by a new company, De-Massa.

Serving as a central clearing house for information, the company will feed into a computer truck runs planned by its clients. Individuals or institutions seeking transport services will be able to learn from the company whether trucks are scheduled to return empty from their areas.

Only 60 per cent of trucking kilometers in the country involves the carrying of loads, the remainder being empty return runs. According to the founders of De-Massa, Avi Cohen and Moshe Slonim, the economy loses some \$50 million a year because of these empty runs.

## Insurance rates double for Gulf shipping

LONDON (AP). — The giant Lloyds insurance syndicate has increased its war-risk premiums for ships travelling into the Iraq-Iran war zone, a company spokesman said Tuesday.

The move comes after confirmation that an Indian-owned cargo vessel was hit and badly damaged but not sunk last Thursday in the Gulf. No injuries were reported.

Under charter to Iran, the APJ Amika was hit by an Iraqi missile during a voyage to the northern Iranian port of Bandar Khomeini.

The new premium to insure a ship's hull for 14 days of coverage at Iran's main oil loading terminal at Kharg Island is 1.5 per cent of its value. Before this week the rate was three-quarters of 1 per cent for seven days at Kharg Island.

Insurance rates on cargoes were raised this week from 0.359 per cent to 0.40 per cent of a cargo's value.

## Gadot Enterprises

had \$53m. in exports

TEL AVIV. — Gadot Enterprises (chemicals, shipping, trade) had a turnover of \$350 million in 1983 and of this sum some \$53m. was exported. The company, which is now celebrating its 25th anniversary, expects to increase its exports in the current year.

## The Fund for Strengthening Israel's Defence

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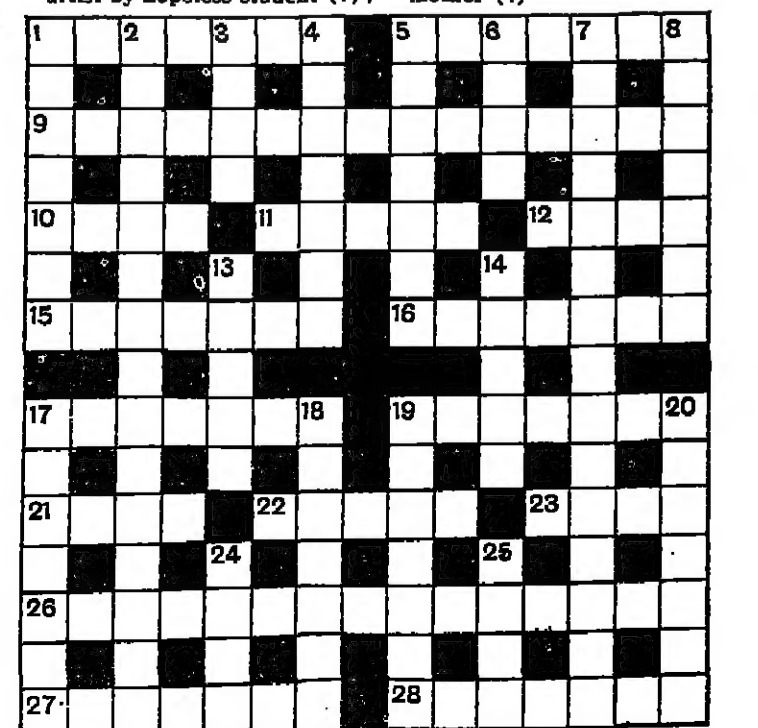
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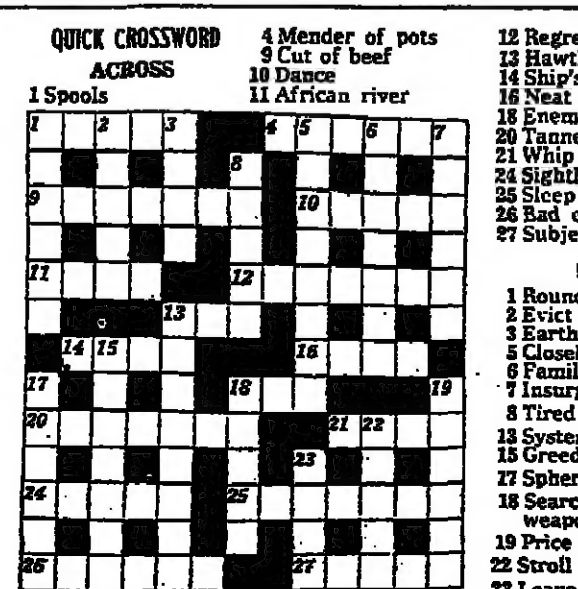
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## Terrorism is indivisible

FOR A GOOD many years energy was wasted in Israel on an empty debate about the existence of "organized crime." Police ministers and other apologists argued that it did not exist in this country while critics contended the opposite.

The debate was largely semantic. Organized crime, after the American pattern, embracing politicians, police, judges, trade unions and business, does not exist here. But dangerous and organized crime networks, linked especially to the drug trade, do exist. This is now recognized and the debate has quietly disappeared.

A similar public argument has now developed over the question of a Jewish terrorist "underground." Politicians uncomfortable with the idea of an underground, like Justice Minister Moshe Nissim and Interior Minister Yosef Burg reject the notion. They cleave to their semantic casuistry even after the capture this week of two organized Jewish groups suspected of terrorist attempts. Dr. Burg, with characteristic sophistry, has described them as "eccentrics."

The police, for their part, are not embarrassed by nomenclature. In their investigations into TNT and other manifestations of Jewish terrorist activity, they do not blink at terms like "underground," "cells," or "squads" generally applied until now to Arab terrorist activity.

The debate over language is not trivial. Those who wish to waffle are either confounded by embarrassment or moral insensitivity. As a result they are not prepared to fully confront in their own minds the grave dangers to the fabric of our society inherent in Jewish terror.

As long as their blinders do not hinder police investigative effort, the damage they inflict is in the realm of rhetoric and public consciousness. This week's successes by the police and security forces would seem to indicate that this is the case.

Certainly as yesterday's Arab terrorist bomb explosion in Ashdod showed, the police and security forces face enough challenges on the terrorist front. They should not be hindered by any doubts that terrorism is somehow divisible in its capacity for damage.

## Sacrificial lambs rebel

THE MINISTRY of Health is not to be envied. While costs of health services are constantly on a steep rise, it is strapped by strict budget limits, partly because the minister who heads it lacks the clout in Cabinet in-fighting of most of his fellows. At the same time the government health service personnel, both professional and administrative, have become increasingly militant because they feel themselves victimized by the ministry's reduced status.

Two separate strikes this week reflect this situation; the walkout of the hospital workers and the work sanctions in effect at Haifa's Rothschild Hospital.

The hospital workers are demanding adjustment of the differences in their wages as compared to the salaries paid by the Histadrut's Kupat Holim hospitals. Their resentment can be well understood. Why indeed should they be second-class citizens? But it is precisely this feeling, whose origins transcend the present specific issue, which is basic to understanding their action.

A similar fund of indignation is at play in the case of the Rothschild Hospital. Throughout last year's bitter doctors' pay battle, this was one of the few hospitals in the country that did not shut its emergency department. It was the proud boast of the hospital's doctors and staff that no patient in need of treatment was turned away.

Now those same doctors, considered too temperate by many of their colleagues, have closed the hospital's emergency ward to all but "life or death" cases, and are threatening an all-out strike. The hospital's entire 1,300 staff is participating in the action.

The cause of this dramatic switch from moderation to militancy is not related to salaries but to the Health Ministry's violation of a commitment to provide the funds needed to complete the hospital's west wing project.

The 11-storey building was started in 1973 to ease the chronic overcrowding in the 400-bed hospital — one of the oldest in Israel — and improve its outdated facilities. The structure itself is complete but the upper floors, which are slated to include nine new operating theatres, are bare — hollow echoes of broken promises.

After an investment of \$23 million, the Ministry, with no prior warning, decided to wash its hands of the project, stating it had fulfilled its financial obligations. It decreed that the \$7 million needed to furnish and equip the upper storeys would have to be raised by public donations and by the Friends of Rothschild Society, which has already given \$2 million to the project.

This arbitrary decision, blamed by the Ministry on the need for fiscal cutbacks, is doubly resented by Rothschild's staff because the total saving will be only \$1.5 million — the amount the Ministry had been expected to allocate for the project in next year's budget. Ironically the Ministry had chosen Rothschild as one of three hospitals in the country for an experimental autonomous budget-planning programme because of what was considered its high standard of administration.

Staff at Rothschild Hospital, which serves a population of 180,000 people, many of them pensioners, have waited 11 years for the west wing project which would enable them to offer patients the kind of facilities and standards they deserve. With the end so nearly in sight, the Ministry has pulled the plug and the staff, understandably, cannot accept the desperate impotence to which their hospital has fallen victim.

THE REBURIAL of Tereza Anghelovici has not laid to rest the matter inherent in the issue.

The body will probably be re-moved again later in the future by a group of ghoulish zealots who have lost all sense of decency. And this time they will make sure that the body is never recovered. Her family will fruitlessly scour the land, as the IDF does after every war to find its fallen soldiers.

The Supreme Court decision will only spur the rabbinate to increase its pressure for the burial transfer of the deceased. And the rabbinate will now be inspired to greater efforts in search for legal ways and means to prevent any future burial in so-called land of any other non-Jewish person, who casts his lot with the Jewish people.

According to some scholars, Ruth the Moabite could not be buried

today in any Jewish cemetery. This same rabbinate has a strange interpretation of the spirit of Judaism. It would never allow the burial in a Jewish cemetery — should he so wish — of a righteous gentile, such as Raoul Wallenberg, a Swede, who risked his life to save Jews in Hungary. And there are other righteous gentiles who lived according to the highest precepts of Judaism; they acted like saints. But they were not "kosher."

Yet this same rabbinate daily allows the burial in so-called consecrated land of such types as murderers, pimps, rapists, drug pushers, whores and professional criminals. They are all "kosher." They all fulfill the requirements of the rabbinate. They were born within the pale of Halacha.

If ever there was a time for the rabbinate to display its generosity, to

## The pale of Halacha

By MACABEE DEAN

show that it could rise above its narrow parochial viewpoint to an all-embracing universal one, then it is the case of Tereza Anghelovici. The rabbinate could have easily found some chapter and verse, some interpretation, which would have permitted Tereza Anghelovici to

stay with the people she adopted and who adopted her.

But the rabbinate remained narrow-minded. The chief rabbinate neatly ducked the issue by passing the buck to the rabbinate of Risbon Lezion, which knuckled down under "protest" to the law of the country.

IN THE final analysis, it is not the rabbinate that is so much to be blamed as the "silent majority," those Israelis who allow such things to happen, who do not hold protest demonstrations in front of the rabbinate.

There are other ways of fighting this rabbinate. Firstly, the people could demand the direct election of its rabbis.

Secondly, they could express doubts about the "Jewishness" of tens of thousands of persons who arrived in this country, victims of the

Holocaust. If such aspersions were cast, the rabbinate would spend most of its time trying to prove its "Jewishness" of these tens of thousands of immigrants instead of trying to prevent the burial of one non-Jewish person.

And if their "Jewishness" could not be confirmed, they would have to be laid to rest in another cemetery. How many Israelis, we wonder, would prefer to be laid to eternal rest in a cemetery that also contains the bodies of persons like Wallenberg, or the body of any Christian, Moslem, Hindu, etc., whose lives were exemplary, and not with many of the so-called "kosher" people — those whom they would not admit into their homes or even talk to on the street.

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## Going back to the GAA?

By NETANEL LORCH

moments of even-handedness, declared that "neither party can reasonably assert that it is actively belligerent" (S/2322, September 1, 1951).

And in Article III (2): "No element of the land, sea or air military or para-military forces of either Party, including non-regular forces, shall commit any warlike or hostile act against civilians in territory under the control of that Party..."

Article III (3): "No warlike act or act of hostility shall be conducted from territory controlled by one of the Parties to this Agreement against the other Party."

THE LATTER provision, which does not appear in the agreement that had been concluded earlier with Egypt, was included specifically in order to eliminate the possibility of non-Lebanese forces operating against Israel from Lebanese territory — such as the Syrian army, some of whose units had, in 1948, penetrated into Palestine through Lebanon, and Kaukji's Liberation Army, which had used that territory to jump off and regroup.

It should be equally applicable to regular or irregular forces of third parties at the present time. The distinction between "warlike" and "hostile" is significant — and there is no reason why hostile propaganda should not be included. Between the

two, they clearly cover the whole game of hostile or terrorist activity spelled out in Article IV of the May 17 agreement, to wit "existence or organization or irregular forces, armed bands, organizations, bases, offices or infrastructure, the aims and purposes of which include incursions or any act of terrorism... endangering the security of the other party and safety of its people," the cancellation of agreements and arrangements concerning the presence and functioning of such organizations on the territory of either party, etc.

While all other articles of the GAA may, by mutual consent, be revised or suspended, Articles I and III are sacrosanct.

IT IS TRUE, of course, that the GAA has not been implemented since Fatah initiated its armed incursions into Israel from Lebanon, on January 1, 1965; not because of the lack of will or interest on the part of the Lebanese authorities, but because of their inherent weakness and total inability to control the political, propaganda and military activities of third parties operating on Lebanese territory. Nor is there any guarantee that this situation will change in the future. This continuing weakness was recognized by implications in the May 127 agreement — and security arrangements satisfactory to

Israel were designed to overcome it as far as possible.

There is no reason why similar — or even identical — security arrangements should not be negotiated under the GAA. Indeed, the machinery for such negotiations is provided for in Article VIII (3):

"In the absence of mutual agreement... either of the Parties may call upon the Secretary-General of the UN to convene a conference of representatives of the two Parties for the purpose of reviewing, revising or suspending any of the provisions of this Agreement other than Articles I and III. Participation in such conference shall be obligatory on all Parties."

Among the different archeological layers of the UN presence in the Middle East (who, for instance, remembers that the UN Truce Supervision Organization came into being to supervise the truce decreed by the Security Council in June 1948?) there still is a fully staffed — although hardly operational — office of the Israel-Lebanese Mixed Armistice Commission in Beirut. Whether or not the government of Israel would want to avail itself of its rusty machinery is a different question — which might well be one of the subjects for discussion at a conference.

THE MAY 17 agreement was more

far-reaching than the GAA, particularly in its provisions for eventual agreements on the "movement" of goods, products and persons. Agreements of this kind are by no means precluded by the GAA and, indeed, such movement can, and has been, implemented without explicit agreement.

As for the question of Israel's security, which has always been the primary concern, the government might now be well advised to call for a conference under Article VIII of the GAA. At the very least, it would give Israel an opportunity to present its case, to document its charges concerning the consistent utilization of Lebanese territory for "warlike and hostile acts," and to present its demands for adequate security arrangements. At best, such arrangements may be agreed upon, making it possible for the IDF to withdraw.

The difference in scope and in sponsorship — between the U.S. for the May agreement, and the UN for the conference proposed here — is not insignificant, but in existing circumstances seems unavoidable. In any case, it would seem that nothing is to be lost, and perhaps something might be gained, by reverting, at this point, to the dusty old document which, after all, provided the framework for exemplary coexistence from 1949 to 1965, until it was abruptly shattered by the Fatah.

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## READERS' LETTERS

### THE CHALLENGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Minister of Industry and Trade Gideon Patt is reported in your paper of February 14 to have said of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem that "Judaic and abstract studies, respectively, dominate the curricula." He is reported to have said that "if young people wish to study the humanities, philosophy or other disciplines, that is fine. But the Israeli taxpayer should not have to support that study."

Permit us the following comments:

1. There are some 6,000 students in the Hebrew University's Faculties of Sciences and Agriculture. Over 55 per cent of the budget for academic activities at the Hebrew University is allocated to the above-mentioned faculties. The important contribution of these faculties to science-based industries, medicine and agriculture is well known.

The Minister himself is a graduate in economics. Presumably, therefore, this is not an abstract subject. One should therefore add the 3,400 students of the social sciences at the Hebrew University, bringing to 9,400 the total number of "non-abstract" students. Add to this 620 students of law and the total of "non-abstract" students will be over 10,000. This leaves the humanities. Where does one put education and social work? Are they "abstract" or "non-abstract"?

2. We assume that, as a parent of three children, Minister Patt would want his children to be taught "abstract" subjects such as Hebrew, Hebrew literature, Bible, Jewish history, geography, world history, foreign languages, etc., in school.

Perhaps he would be good enough to tell us how teachers of these subjects can be prepared if these subjects are not taught and researched at universities. Would he be prepared to apply to his children (and all the children of Israel) the same criterion: "If they want to study these subjects, that is fine, but the Israeli taxpayer should not have to support that study?"

3. Does the Minister really think that scientific and technological manpower or any other skilled manpower in a modern scientific society can or should be trained in ignorance of "Judaic or abstract studies"?

4. Does the Minister really think that advanced scientific and technological projects can even exist or be sustained in a society which does not have a large number of people trained in "abstract subjects"?

5. As science and technology advance rapidly, more numerous, complex and severe human problems and moral issues arise. Who, in the opinion of the Minister, should deal with these serious problems and issues? We in the fields of science, medicine and agriculture feel that the role of the student and scholar of humanities is becoming more and more important because of the tremendous advances in our fields.

6. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem was conceived and founded by the fathers of the Zionist movement as the university of the Jewish people all over the world. This university was, and must remain, its task as a

spiritual and intellectual centre of the human heritage and of Jewish learning is no less vital than its practical job of service to the state's development and prosperity.

All this is not intended to underestimate the gravity of the situation resulting from a severe decline in the teaching of science in Israeli high schools in recent years, as described in a recent report of a committee headed by Professor Aryeh Dvoretzky. Many of our colleagues devote a lot of time and energy in search of remedies for this crisis. We are convinced, however, that the suggestions of Minister Patt are counterproductive.

May we suggest to the Minister that it is perfectly feasible to gear the educational system for the production of skilled personnel for high technology industries without sacrificing a Jewish and humanistic education which, one would have thought, is obviously indispensable to a society that wishes to be considered a modern Jewish state.

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### MUNICIPAL EFFICIENCY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Some months ago, on my way to work, I saw the municipal gardeners busy planting the bulbs for the beautiful spring display of flowers which Jerusalemites and tourists enjoy so much each year. As my bus passed close to them, I saw that, in laying out the flower message, the gardeners had inadvertently skipped a letter and that if a correction were not made the blooms would open to spell "shalom." At the first opportunity I phoned the Kollek hot line (666666) and was assured that the municipal gardening department would be informed of the impending

tragedy. That day, The Post published a reader's letter detailing the tribulations of a lady who had used the hot line to notify the city of a complaint, had been listened to politely and reassured — but without any action being taken. Since that time I have lived in anxiety, and when I noted the flowers opening near the Yemin Moshe windmill, it was with some trepidation that I approached. But there they were: radiant white hyacinths spelling out shalom for hundreds of enchanted visitors.

So it's thanks again to Holland, a tip of the hat to Teddy's gardeners

who add to the display every year, and to the municipal hot line which does get things done, after all.

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WITH TALK of "liberation" in the U.S. usually focusing on women, American men need someone to fight for their rights, says a New York lawyer who has founded a men's rights organization.

Sidney Siller, who specializes in divorce cases, heads the National Organization for Men, which borrows its name from the National Organization for Women, the leading feminist group in the U.S.

"It is time for men to stop being passive, to stand up to the women's movement, to fight back," Siller said.

He said as a result of the women's movement, "men are the true

minority group today — and are being persecuted in divorce courts losing their children, earnings and property."

Siller says he got the idea to form a national organization for men during numerous divorce trials in which he represented clients. In his opinion, women in many cases were treated better than men.

In many divorce cases men suffer a "parental civil death" when the court gives custody to the mother, he said. He said that because of alimony most men are "in a shambles" after a divorce, unable to enter into a second marriage because of the financial obligations from their first marriage.

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